

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Everyone in the office is busy making last minute changes to the plans for the projects that will bid on December 20th. These projects include paving for CR's 2, 82, 85, 107, 151 and 169. One addition is the Wood County's portion of CR 2, in fact it will be paved all the way to SR 163 under our contract. Clay Township has declined our offer to include their portion of 169 west of CR 30. We'll also be bidding beams for the 232 bridge, boxes for TR 42 and CR 177 as well as a used bucket truck.

Our budget for 2012 has been finalized and submitted to the County Commissioners for approval. The highlights are 18 miles of paving, four bridge replacements, structural repairs and painting of Tindall Bridge, gunite repairs to other bridges, new surveying equipment, a new wide format copier/scanner for the office and possibly a new loader.

Congratulations to Duane Reese who is our latest retiree and hopefully the last for awhile. Thank you Duane for your 30 years of dedicated service to Sandusky County.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan Dorr

December 6th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (YEARS OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)

Tim Below	December 6 th	12 years
Tim Reed	December 6 th	12 years
Carlos Baez	December 6 th	1 year

FROM DUANE REESE

I want to thank everyone for the watch, gift cards and lottery tickets. I want to thank Jim for the opportunity to run the bridge program and also the confidence in me to be the Superintendent. I also want to thank the highway crew for their hard work and dedication. You made my job easy.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Employee: Shawn Jarrett
Title: Maintenance worker
Date Hired: June 2011
Spouse: Dawn
Children: Josie – (4 yrs old), Kourtney (4 months)
Pets: 2 choc labs; Dozer & Bailey
Favorite Song: Anything by Alan Jackson - seen him in concert.
Hobbies: Hunting, ATV riding, tree work, spending time with family.
Claim to fame: Started a tree business 7 years ago from scratch. Started off just doing stump removals, now established and operating a complete tree service business.
Pet Peeve: People with no work ethic and disrespectful people.

FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

It has been a hectic couple of weeks. Hope that everybody had a nice Thanksgiving. As mentioned on the last road report, we are concentrating our efforts on getting plans, contracts, and specifications around for the upcoming bid date, which is Monday December 5th. We will be taking bids to pave 107 & 117, along with 2, 82, 85, 151 & 169. Also, there will be two box culverts for GR 177-0.47 and WO 42-0.21. In addition we will be bidding the pre-stressed box beams for RY 232-3.19. I want to send a special thanks to all the employees in the office helping to get all this information around so that we can be ready to bid all this work on Monday. Thanks again and keep up the good work!!!

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Guardian Life and Dental –

Sandusky County offers dental and life insurance through Guardian, open enrollment is in December. Anyone who is interested please let me know by **December 5th**.

UNITED WAY –

United Way Pledge Cards are now available, payroll deduction or a one-time donation can be made.

Why invest in United Way? Your donation no matter how large or small touches the lives of 52% of Sandusky County residents. That's right, your donation reaches out and helps approximately 31,500 children and adults. Invest in your community, invest in yourself... you will never know when you or your family will need the help of a United Way Funded Agency or Program. As a donor you can be assured that 100% of your donation stays here in Sandusky County. Please return forms by **December 8th**.

FROM THE CIVIL ENGINEER

2011 Culvert Project – For this year's Culvert Project, improvements were made on 9 different culverts throughout the county. Although ditch work still remains on county roads 175 and 247, along with township road 26, all pipe is officially in the ground and all paving is complete.

FROM THE ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Congratulation to Duane on retirement. We want to wish you well and thank you for your work and dedication. Hope the next chapter in life will be as good as the last. Congrats.

CR 117 ROAD MAINTENANCE –

Work will continue on building shoulder on CR 117 as soon as the excavator window is repaired from being vandalized. The weather has also slowed this job down with rains and high water.

Ry.232-3.19 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE –

All the wing walls have been poured, sealed, and backfilled. The bridge is ready to have the beams replaced in the spring.

ROAD MAINTENANCE –

- Trucks were gone over, hooked up, and cleaned out and ready for the snow.
- Mowing west with the boom mower.
- Finished up berming CR 1.
- Tile work on River St.
- Ran roads for high water.
- Building #2 and #11 cleaned.
- Sign grant work.
- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Snow fence is going up.